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FOLLOWING REPEAT ISLAMABAD 10944 ACTION KARACHI, INFO ANKARA,
SECSTATE, DEA HQS DEC. 19,

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, PK

SUBJ: DIVERSION OF ILLEGAL OPIUM TO LEGAL CHANNELS

REF: (A) KARACHI 2582

(B) DEA 8600

(C) STATE 163416

1. PLAN OUTLINED BY MALLINCKRODT REPS REF A RECALLS
SUGGESTION MADE TO EMBASSY IN JULY (ISLAMABAD 5887) BY
RAFHAN MAIZE MANAGING DIRECTOR MCDONALD, ACTING AS AGENT
FOR S.B. PENICK. CHANDJEE COTTON AND ALLIED, ALSO IN
CONTACT WITH MALLINCKRODT, HAD OFFERED TO PROVIDE 10 TONS
OF AFGHAN OPIUM TO PENICK, AND MCDONALD HAD INDICATED HE
INTENDED TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO GET THAT OPIUM SEIZED AND
THEN NEGOTIATE ITS SALE TO S.B. PENICK. IT WOULD APPEAR
THAT MALLINCKRODT IS INTERESTED IN USING
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CHANDJEE AS INTERMEDIARY TO PURCHASE OPIUM FROM TRIBAL AND

MERGED AREAS FOR SUBSEQUENT SEIZURE AND
THAT PNCB, WHICH HAS EXPRESSED STONG INTEREST IN EX-
PORTING OPIUM, MAY BE INTERESTED IN PUSHING THIS STRATEGEM.

2. DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH GERSTEN AND STRATMEIER (SEE
SMITH MEMO FOR RECORD, DEC. 12) EMBASSY NCO, DRAWING ON
GUIDANCE REF C, SUGGESTED THAT IF MALLINCKRODT REPS HAD
INFO THROUGH CHANDEE ON ILLICIT OPIUM FROM AFGHANISTAN
OR MERGED TRIBAL AREAS, THEY SHOULD INFORM ENFORCEMENT
AUTHORITIES FOR PURPOSES OF SEIZURE WITHOUT REGARD TO
EVENTUAL DISPOSITION OF OPIUM. NCO ADDED THAT MALLINCKRODT
WITH ITS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AS IMPORTER OF PAK SEIZED OPIUM
SHOULD BE IN GOOD POSITION SUBSEQUENTLY TO PURCHASE THIS
SEIZED OPIUM ONCE IT MOVES INTO GOVERNMENT STORAGE.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT USG SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE PNCB
AND US FIRMS IN TYPE OF TRANSACTION OUTLINED REF A (OF
DOUBTFUL LEGALITY ANYWAY UNDER TERMS OF SINGLE CONVENTION)
BECAUSE OF DANGER THAT IT WOULD SIMPLY FURTHER STIMULATE
UNREGULATED PRODUCTION IN MERGED AND TRIBAL AREAS. IN
VIEW OF PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOP CONCERNING POPPY BAN
SUCH AN AD HOC APPROACH TO BRINGING SOME OF UNREGULATED
OPIUM INTO LEGAL CHANNELS MIGHT DETER GOP FROM SERIOUS EFFORTS
TO IMPOSE BAN ON PRODUCTION IN THESE AREAS.

4. FOR DEPARTMENT. HAVE REPEATED REFS A & B TO YOU. WOULD
APPRECIATE GUIDANCE, INCLUDING COMMENTS ON PARA 2 AND 3 REF B.

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